

Appl. No. 10/803,783  
Amendment Dated July 26, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of July 1, 2004

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Abstract has been amended as requested by the Examiner.

With respect to the claims previously pending 12-44 and 46-61, claims 15-30 were allowed; claims 31-44 and 46-61 were allowable if corrections are made to the misnumbering of claims, as pointed out by the Examiner. The applicants had misnumbered the claims in Preliminary Amendment A by having two claims 44 and skipping claim 45. To correct this, the applicants have canceled the second appearing claim 44 and refiled it as new claim 62. The undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for his courtesy in discussing this misnumbering problem in the telephone conference on July 21, 2004.

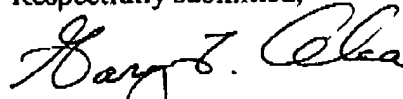
Finally, in reviewing the Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants noticed there might be an ambiguity as to the cancellation of claims 1-10, though in the Office Action the Examiner correctly understood that claims 1-10 and 11 were canceled. The Applicants hereby confirm the cancellation of claims 1-11.

Claims 12-14 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 18, 21 and 24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,041,010. As stated previously, Applicants will file a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321 upon a Notice of Allowance.

Therefore, in view of the amendments above and the remarks directed thereto, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be removed, that claims 12-44 and 46-62 be allowed, and the case be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, the undersigned attorney would appreciate receiving a telephone call at (408) 446-7687 to discuss the matter.

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